Persons killed in a Stampede in Himachal Pradesh

3691 CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 13 persons were killed in a stampede during the Baba Barbhag Singh Holla Mohalla Festival near Maini town about 40 K.M. from Una in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have set up any enquiry into it, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the financial relief given to the families of the deceased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) As per information furnished by the Government of Himachal Pradesh 14 persons were killed in a stampede in Baba Badbhag Singh festival in Mairi in District Una of Himachal Pradesh. The State Government has ordered an inquiry into this incident and the Divisional Commissioner, Kangra Division, Himachal Pradesh has been appointed as the Inquiry Officer. He has been directed to submit the report to the State Government within one month. The State Government has also announced financial relief of Rs. 10,000/- each to next of kin of the deceased and Rs. 500/- to one person who was seriously injured.

Hoodlums harassing lone women

3692. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in 'The Indian Express' of March 2, 1993 stating that at several places in Delhi where hoodlums in cars harass lone women with impunity; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to stop the menace ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) There was no such newsitem in "Indian Express" in its issue of 2nd March, 1993. However, a letter was published on 2nd March, 1993 in Indian Express about harassment of women by undesirable elements.

(b) The Delhi Police has reported that special drives are organised for checking harassment of women/girls. Women police officers in plain clothes are deployed at bus stops and busy markets to check the menace.

Persons killed/died in police custody in J & K

3693. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed or died in Jammu and Kashmir during the year 1992 and so far while in Police Custody and what are the details thereof;

(b) under what circumstances, these persons died in police custody; and

(c) what action has been taken against the officials responsible for their death ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Relating of undertrials without Court Order from Tihar Jail

3694. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appeared in the Pioneer of January 11, 1993 under the caption Government fails to take action against Tihar Jail Officials;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the details of the Departmental Enquiry Report;

(d) what are the names of officials indicated by the enquiry Officer for releasing an undertrial without a court order;

(e) what action has been taken against them;

(f) whether it is also a fact that the Tihar Jail authorities has not released those persons from the Jail who were ordered by the Courts to be released; and

(g) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Delhi Administration has reported that a prisoner namely Shri Hari Upadhayay, S/o Shri Mukhi Upadhayay was admitted in Central Jail No. 3 as an undertrial on 3-1-89 and was released on 8-5-90. The matter was enquired into by Supdt. of Jail No. 3. The Enquiry Officer indicated S/Shri Rakesh Sharma, the then acting Deputy Superintendent, J. B. Sharma, the then Asstt. Superintendent and Suresh Bal, Warder for releasing the prisoner without court orders.

(e) The report of the Enquiry Officer was considered by the Disciplinary Authority i.e. the Inspector General of Prisons, who came to the conclusion that no further action was necessary. This matter is being further examined by the Delhi Administration.

(f) and (g) Delhi Administration has further reported that since January, 1993, one convicted prisoner was over-detained for 6 days on account of negligence of a jail official who did not put up release orders in time. An enquiry was conducted by the Superintendent, Jail and it was found that one official working in the Convict Office did not properly scrutinize the records. Action under CCS (CCA) rules has been initiated against him.

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Protection to Legislators

3695. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the guidelines presently in force for protection to serving Parliamentarians and Legislators from various extremist threats;

(b) whether these guidelines have been passed on to State Governments; and

(c) whether it is mandatory for State Governments to observe Central Government's directions in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). Although there are no separate guidelines, the existing guidelines for providing security to persons facing threat from various quarters are equally applicable to Parliamentarians and Legislators and protective arrangements are made based on threat assessment.

(c) It is the responsibility of the concerned State/UT to provide the required security to a threatends person within the area of its jurisdiction.

Weeding out of Pakistani Agents from India

3696. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a write up in the SUNDAY magazine March 7-13, 1993, page 10, saying that Central Government had Intelligence reports that 450 agents of the Pakistan I.S.I. were to collect at Lucknow and mingle with the demonstrators and to proceed to the Boat Club on February 25, 1993 for mischief; and

(b) if so, what are the facts of the matter and what steps government are taking to weed out Pakistani agents operating in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Government has seen the write-up in the SUNDAY